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PATENT
Attorney Docket No.: 18608-000100

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

CORBETT W. STONE et al.

Application No.: 09/548,901

Filed: April 13, 2000

For: ARTICULATION SYSTEMS
FOR POSITIONING
MINIMALLY INVASIVE
SURGICAL TOOLS

Examiner: Unassigned

Art Unit: 3739

PETITION TO EXTEND TIME

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicant petitions the Assistant Commissioner of Patents to extend the time for response to the Notice to File Missing Parts dated June 27, 2000 for 2 months, from August 27, 2000 to October 27, 2000. An appropriate response in the form of a Response to Notice to File Missing Parts is enclosed herewith.

Please charge the fee of \$195.00 to the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 20-1430. Please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to the above deposit account.

This petition is submitted in duplicate.

Respectfully submitted,

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